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SUBJ: TRIPARTITE SUMMIT MEETING: FEW DECISIONS

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1. EMB DISCUSSIONS GOR PARTICIPANTS AND OTHERS ASSOCIATED TRIPARTITE SUMMIT MEETING BUJUMBURA JUNE 10-12 HAVE DEVELOPED FOLLOWING ITEMS OF INTEREST:

A. REFUGEES- AS REPORTED BUKAVU 0071, SUBJECT BURUNDI AND RWANDAN REFUGEES DISCUSSED PRIMARILY IN BURUNDI-ZAIRE CONTEXT. MICOMBERO REPORTEDLY DISTURBED AT CONTINUING PRESENCE DISRUPTIVE BURUNDI REFUGEES ALONG ZAIRE-BURUNDI BORDER AND WANTED THEM PULLED BACK TO MINIMUM DISTANCE 150 KMS. MOBUTU NONCOMMITTAL AND MATTER LEFT UNRESOLVED. ONE GOR SOURCE NOTED MOBUTU IS OLD HAND AT
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AFRICAN POLITICS AND WELL AWARE "TODAY'S REFUGEES ARE

TOMORROW'S GOVERNMENTS".

B. ROLE FOREIGN ADVISERS- MOBUTU RAISED ISSUE
FOREIGN ADVISERS INDICATING PROPER IMPLEMENTATION AUTHENTICITY REQUIRES THAT "ONLY BELGIAN TO REMAIN ZAIRE WILL BE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR." NEITHER MICOMBERO NOR HABYARIMANA WERE SYMPATHETIC (AND GOR CURRENTLY RESISTING BELGIAN EFFORTS REDUCE NUMBER ITS TECHNICAL ADVISERS IN RWANDA).

C. SECURITY - DECISION ANNOUNCED IMPLEMENT "KINSHASA 1966 ACCORD" ON EXCHANGE INFO RELATING TO ANY EFFORTS "COMPROMISE SECURITY OF ONE OR MORE OF THE THREE COUNTRIES."

D. ECONOMIC COOPERATION- A GOOD DEAL OF DISCUSSION ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION BUT LITTLE IN WAY IMMEDIATE RESULTS. ZAIRE INITIATIVE ON COMMON CURRENCY REJECTED AS IMPRACTICAL AND SMACKING OF ZAIRE HEGEMONY. MINOR STEPS TAKEN TO IMPROVE BORDER TRADE (GOR MINAGRI INTENDS EXPAND MEAT SHIPMENTS TO KIVU IN NEAR FUTURE) THROUGH USE NATIONAL CURRENCIES, AGREEMENT INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY JOINT TRANSPORT FIRMS, AND CONFIRMATION CANADIAN-FINANCED TELEPHONE LINK BETWEEN KIGALI-BUKAVU-KINSHASA.

E. FUTURE PROGRAM- AGREEMENT REACHED HOLD PERIODIC MEETINGS TRIPARTITE GROUPS AT MINISTERIAL AND EXPERT LEVEL (PRIMARILY ECONOMIC) PRIOR NEXT TRIPARTITE SUMMIT AT KISANGANI IN JUNE, 1975.

2. COMMENT: GOR VIEWS TRIPARTITE SUMMIT BUJUMBURA AS USEFUL ASPECT ITS TOP FOREIGN POLICY PRIORITY OF DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONS WITH CONTIGUOUS NEIGHBORS. IT WAS HABYARIMANA'S SECOND TRIP TO BURUNDI WITHIN A YEAR. GOR SATISFIED WITH MEETING AND RECOGNIZES MICOMBERO DERIVED PRIMARY POLITICAL BENEFIT. GOR PARTICIPANTS FOUND MOBUTU MOODY AND SMEWHAT PETULANT DURING HIS VISITS KIGALI, BUJUMBURA AND AT OAU IN MOGADISCIO.
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